

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-~~18~~, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 29  
without prejudice.

Please amend claims 20, 22, 28, 30, 37 and 40, as  
follows:

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120. (Amended) In a battery conditioning system,  
[according to claim 17] a portable battery powered utilization  
device

of size and weight to be held in one hand  
during use, and operating from battery power  
during portable operation thereof,

battery means operatively coupled with said utilization  
device for supplying operating power thereto  
during portable operation,

battery conditioning system means coupled with  
said utilization device during conditioning  
operation and operatively coupled with said  
battery means and comprising battery  
conditioning means for effecting conditioning  
of said battery means, and

battery parameter sensing means for sensing a battery parameter,  
said battery conditioning system means including computer  
operating means operatively coupled with said  
battery conditioning means and controlling  
conditioning of said battery means in  
conjunction with said battery parameter  
sensing means,

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said computer operating means having communications means for the transmission of data concerning said battery means to a remote station.

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22. (Amended) In a battery conditioning system  
[according to claim 21] a portable battery powered utilization device

of size and weight to be held in one hand  
during use, and operating from battery power  
during portable operation thereof,

battery means operatively coupled with said utilization device for supplying operating power thereto  
during portable operation,

battery conditioning system means coupled with  
said utilization device during conditioning  
operation and operatively coupled with said  
battery means and comprising battery  
conditioning means for effecting conditioning  
of said battery means, and

battery parameter sensing means for sensing a battery parameter,  
said battery conditioning system means including computer  
operating means operatively coupled with said  
battery conditioning means and controlling  
conditioning of said battery means in  
conjunction with said battery parameter  
sensing means,

said battery conditioning system means being responsive to a  
computer generated control signal from the computer operating  
means, and controlling the supply of charging current to said  
battery means during a conditioning operation in accordance with  
said computer generated control signal,

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said battery conditioning system means comprising a charging current control circuit for receiving a control signal and for controlling the supply of charging current to said battery means according to said control signal, and control signal generating means for generating a default value of said control signal in the absence of a computer generated control signal from the computer operating means, and said computer operating means being coupled with said control signal generating means for altering the value of charging current away from said default value according to a computer generated control signal from said computer operating means.

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528. (Amended) In a battery conditioning system,  
[according to claim 27] a portable battery powered utilization device

of size and weight to be held in one hand  
during use, and operating from battery power  
during portable operation thereof,

battery means operatively coupled with said utilization  
device for supplying operating power thereto  
during portable operation,

battery conditioning system means coupled with  
said utilization device during conditioning  
operation and operatively coupled with said  
battery means and comprising battery  
conditioning means for effecting conditioning  
of said battery means, and

battery parameter sensing means for sensing a battery parameter,  
said battery conditioning system means including computer  
operating means operatively coupled with said  
battery conditioning means and controlling

conditioning of said battery means in  
conjunction with said battery parameter  
sensing means.

*6.4*  
*Amended*  
said computer operating means having communications means for the  
transmission of data concerning said battery means, said  
communications means comprising digital to analog converter means  
in said utilization device and controlled by said computer  
operating means for supplying an analog output signal to said  
battery conditioning means

said battery conditioning means comprising an external battery  
charging circuit external to said utilization device, and having  
a control signal generating means for establishing a default  
value of battery charging current to be supplied by said circuit  
in the absence of an analog output signal from said digital to  
analog converter means.

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*6.30.* (Amended) A portable battery powered system  
comprising a portable battery powered utilization device  
operating from battery power during portable  
operation,  
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battery means operatively coupled with said  
utilization device for supplying operating  
power thereto during portable operation, and  
conditioning control means comprising computer  
operating means having computer output means  
for coupling with an external battery  
conditioning circuit during conditioning of  
the battery means, with said computer  
operating means of said portable utilization  
device supplying a computer generated control  
signal according to a measured battery

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parameter and to a battery charging circuit  
to control charging current supplied to said  
battery means during a battery charging  
operation.

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Claim <sup>13</sup>~~17~~ (Amended) A portable battery powered  
system [according to claim 30,] comprising a portable battery  
powered utilization device

operating from battery power during portable  
operation.

battery means operatively coupled with said

utilization device for supplying operating  
power thereto during portable operation, and

conditioning control means comprising computer

operating means having computer output means  
for coupling with an external battery  
conditioning circuit during conditioning of  
the battery means.

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with said computer output means comprising digital to analog  
converter means for receiving a computer generated control signal  
from the computer operating means and for supplying an analog  
output signal to an external battery current supply circuit so as  
to control the value of charging current supplied to said battery  
means.

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Claim <sup>16</sup>~~18~~ (Amended) A portable battery powered system  
[according to claim 30,] comprising a portable battery powered  
utilization device

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operating from battery power during portable  
operation.

battery means operatively coupled with said